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24 September 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

SUBJECT:

REFERENCE: USIB-D-33.8/2, 25 August 1959, T3/ 172438

BACKGROUND

1. Knowledge of the location and status of Soviet guided missile production facilities, operational sites and storage areas is prerequisite to reliable estimates of Soviet guided missile capabilities. With respect to the Soviet ICBM, the urgency of acquiring this kind of information has been recently reaffirmed by the report of the DCI Ad Hoc Panel on the Status of the Soviet ICBM Program (Reference, above). The Panel report to the USIB contained the following statements:

(Para. 2) "4. Positive evidence relative to Soviet ICBM production facilities or operational deployment sites continues to be missing. The Panel believes that intelligence on the status of the Soviet program requires these inputs if it is to be as precise as national security demands. Recognizing that these types of data have not been accumulated on other types of offensive missiles either, some adjudged to have been operational for several years, the Panel giving consideration to collection means available to the U.S. finds this situation alarming."

(Paras. 3 and 3a) "3. Available intelligence information continues to be inadequate for assessing the Soviet ICBM threat. We therefore strongly recommend that:

NSA review completed

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2. All collection concepts capable of providing data on the status of Soviet ICBM accuracy, deployment and production be vigorously pursued."

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3. The requirement below is intended to extend the work done over the past few years with this source by broadening consider-

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REQUIREMENT

4. This requirement is to be considered against the provisions of COL 2.

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6. It is requested that:

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7. Priority processing and preliminary answers are requested.

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